

# KRS-One Lyrics

## "The Way We Live"

Welcome to hip-hop culture  
We stay hot like Tulsa  
Knowledge Reigns Supreme, followed by a number one  
These rappers they do run run

Lyrically they flashin' two guns with new funds  
But politically they do run run  
When it's time to build, they chill, gettin nuttin' done  
But they mouth yes they do run run

I've heard, just about all that I can hear  
We talk and talk but this talkin' is goin' nowhere  
I've been to the summits and conferences  
And the people man, they'll tell you man  
Hip-hop is the way we live

If you're down for this nation, hip-hop the nation  
Three generations, fourth in the waitin'  
Look at what we facin', mainstream penetration  
Everyone's a biter now, no innovation

No syncopation, lost communication  
Here's what we gotta do to fix the situation  
First step know what you creatin'  
Hip-hop the culture, the consciousness, a new civilization

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Everybody, c'mon unite now  
Turn on the light now, stop all the fight now  
Time to unite now, a new type of life now  
No stress no strife, no gun, no knife now

No board no pipe now, we seein' the light now  
Bein' the light now, the future is right now  
Hip-hop is like wow, ready to fight now  
Sick of the hype now, just about right now

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I hear uhh, hip-hop is callin' me  
The fact you must see sir, rap is not all of me  
I use that to reach ya, rappers be borin' me  
Redo the industry with a two dollar royalty

What's the agenda, to hip-hop and politics  
Don't you remember? The violence we stoppin' this  
Kris will defend the, hip-hop populist  
The solution is simple, raise up yo' consciousness

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